

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: General Mills Hometown Helper Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to General Mills Sales, Inc., requesting \$15,000 through their Hamburger Helper - Hometown Helper Grant Program for enhancements to the Ed Yarborough Nature Center; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

District 2 Michael McLean

Jennifer Bero

BACKGROUND:

General Mills Sales, Inc. is offering the Hamburger Helper - Hometown Helper Grant Program to support small projects which help hometowns across America. The program seeks to fund initiatives which bring about a positive impact within the community.

Staff is seeking approval from the Board to pursue the grant for enhancements to the Ed Yarborough Nature Center. If awarded, funds would be used to create an ADA accessible trail through the demonstration garden and augment the wetland habitat display with interpretation. These improvements would assist with better educating the public on the natural environment of Central Florida.

Due September 30, 2007, the proposed application would request \$15,000. No matching funds are required for this grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve to submit a grant application to General Mills requesting \$15,000 through their Hamburger Helper - Hometown Helper Grant Program for enhancements to the Ed Yarborough Nature Center; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Abstract - Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

FUNDER: General Mills Sales, Inc.

DATE DUE: September 30, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Nature Center Enhancements

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Amy Raub, Natural Lands Program

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Amy Raub

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Ed Yarborough Nature Center has thousands of visitors each year, children and adults alike. However, due to safety hazards, the existing trail through the native demonstration garden is not accessible to persons in wheelchairs or to those who experience difficulty walking. Construction of an ADA accessible trail through the garden would allow these individuals to visit the garden. A second enhancement the grant would fund is renovation to the wetland habitat display. This display would comprise reptile and amphibian animals, including an alligator display and authentic habitat vegetation displays.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$15,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$ 0

SOURCES OF MATCH: n/a

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,000

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒ COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT